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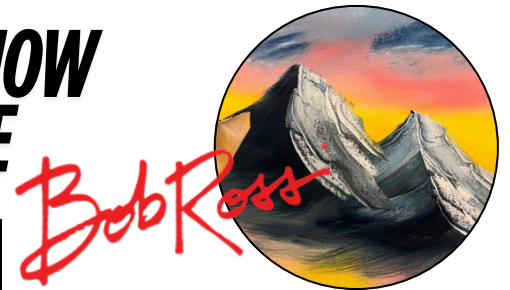
OFF THE SHELF



Montezuma Public Library's Official Newsletter



ADULTS LEARN HOW TO PAINT LIKE



What do you get when you mix 15 individuals & painting Bob Ross style? FUN. A big "thank you" to Gary Schmidt & his wife for traveling several miles to show everyone how to paint beautiful landscapes! This was such a fun, step-by-step class. We hope participants enjoyed taking time to get creative. And the really cool part was that each person had a really cool painting to take home!



Today was a childhood dream come true!! Thank you Montezuma Public Library for hosting such a great event!
-Jen Stowell,
Local Artist

Gary is the only certified Bob Ross Instructor in Iowa



***Don't worry if you missed out...stay tuned for our next painting class!**

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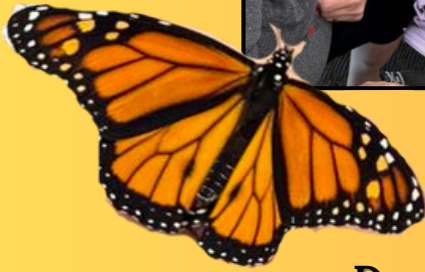
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Monarch Madness At The Library!

Deep River resident Gwen VanDee has been volunteering at the library since January 2025. She recently shared some of her butterflies and caterpillars with kids & adults. She even brought in several that were still in their chrysalis. Gwen keeps amazing records of each one she takes care of and as of today, she's released a total of 81 butterflies!



September is Library Card Sign-up Month

Having Fun Isn't Hard When You've Got A Library Card!

Get Yours

Montezuma PUBLIC LIBRARY
Promoting life-long learning since 1910

The more you read,
the more you know.

The more you know,
the smarter you grow.

The smarter you grow,
the stronger your voice.

When speaking your mind,
or making your choice.

SPIDERS, SNAKES & TURTLES...



Grady Dengler is a very brave kid & holds the snake like it's no big deal.



Dakota Norris puts on a brave face as Lindsay, reptile speaker & educator, gently hands her a tarantula.



Brent Slings takes a break to show kids & other adults that he's not afraid to hold a tarantula.

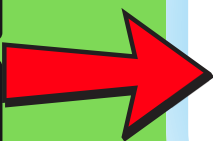


Did you know that some turtles wear diapers? Don't worry—we didn't know that either!



Kids were literally lining up to hold snakes!

COMING SOON




STORY TIME

 **At** 
Montezuma Public Library

RETURNS ON
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7TH

***All Ages Welcome!**

10AM

Steam FESTIVAL

October 11th From 10AM-1PM

Montezuma Public Library, 500 E Main Street

- Pumpkin STEAM Activities
- Games & Prizes
- Rock Painting
- Visit Our "Mildly Spooky" Old Western Town
- DIY Crafts
- *Feel Free To Wear Your Halloween Costumes!
- Caricatures By Graphic Artist

TIM READ
ILLUSTRATION • DESIGN • GREAT IDEAS!
GRAPHIC ARTIST • ILLUSTRATOR

*Fire On Wheels
Pizza On Site!

Meet The Stingrays Hands-On Exhibit

NATIONAL MISSISSIPPI RIVER MUSEUM & AQUARIUM



***STAY TUNED...WE MAY BE ADDING MORE ACTIVITIES!**



FRIENDS OF THE MPL *news*



DONATIONS MAKE GIVING BOOKS TO KIDS POSSIBLE!

*Because of generous monetary donations, the Friends were able to help purchase books for the library, as well as give books out to kids heading back to school!

Library Director Christine Grimm said the Friends' donations will help fill in gaps in the library's book collection over a period of time. "New books are expensive and we've seen a trend over the past five years where we are receiving less funding, and this causes us to look for better book deals from places like thrift stores. We really have to get the most out of our tax-funded dollars." A big "Thank You" to our donors for helping us continue to promote literacy in our community & surrounding areas!

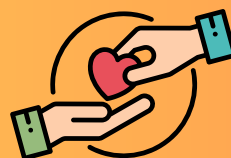
**Contact Friends of the
MPL About Donating...**

montezumalibraryfriends@gmail.com



Donors That Made This Outreach Possible...

*James Sanders of
Pennsylvania
*Road Trip Coffee Co.
Dave & Juli of
Montezuma



*Thank
you*

Resources

The digital library
is **always open**.



**OPEN
24
HOURS**

Libby.
The library reading app

IowaWorks Brings Career Planner To Library

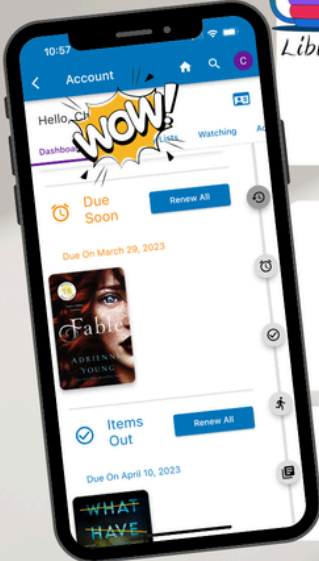


The library has partnered with IowaWorks of Marshalltown to hold monthly sessions focusing on helping people with career planning, mock interviews, resume building, unemployment questions & so much more! This is totally FREE. Anyone can stop in the library's community room during these sessions to talk with IowaWorks career planner Sam.

***Don't Miss Out On
The Next Session!
Includes Digital
Literacy Class
from 2-3PM**

**Tues, October 14th
10AM-3PM**

DID YOU KNOW? WE HAVE AN APP FOR OUR CATALOG!



- 1. DOWNLOAD THE APP**
Get instantly connected to the library by visiting Google Play or the App Store.
 
- 2. CHOOSE "MONTEZUMA PUBLIC LIBRARY"**
Sign in with your library card # & use temporary password "books" if you haven't already set one.
- 3. START SEARCHING**
Check your account, reserve books & search for books in our online catalog!

Montezuma Public Library

Borrow
ebooks &
audiobooks

Libby.

The reading app from our
library, built by OverDrive.



Montezuma Public Library
500 E Main Street

**MONDAY...9:30-5PM
TUESDAY...9:30-5PM
WEDNESDAY...9:30-5PM
THURSDAY...9:30-6PM
FRIDAY...9:30-4PM
SATURDAY...9:30-12PM**



***OPEN SATURDAYS
FROM 9:30AM-NOON!**

FRIENDS

***By donating to the Friends, you are actually helping the library with purchasing books, supplies for programs & more!**

Pay safely & easily by scanning either of the QR Codes below!

Or Use:

[paypal.me/FriendsoftheMPL](https://www.paypal.me/FriendsoftheMPL)



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Scan. Pay. Go.

FALL CLEANING?

Did you know that the library will take your unwanted books? Yep! We love it when people clean out their book shelves & share their books with us!



WAYS TO SUPPORT THE LIBRARY

The library is an important part of our community and patrons want to ensure it continues to be so for generations to come. For anyone wishing to support the library, here are valuable ways to do so:

Friends of the Montezuma Public Library:

FOTMPL is a 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization directed by a volunteer board and supported by the community through fundraisers and sales of donated books. FOTMPL supports costs that might fall outside of the annual budget of the library such as programming and community outreach.

Book Donations: The library accepts book donations anytime throughout the year. We can accept your good, used children's books, young adult and adult books. They may be paperback or hardcover. We also accept games, puzzles and DVDs. Cookbooks are good also. Just ask us for a donation receipt if you need one.

What We Don't Accept: VHS tapes, old encyclopedias, old magazines, college textbooks

Volunteer: Sometimes it's nice to have extra hands on deck during some of our different programs. If you're interested in helping out--call the library at 623-3417 or email Christine at: montepl@montezumaiowa.org for more information on volunteering.

Amazon Wish List: The library has a wish list on Amazon where anyone can choose to make a purchase and then it'll ship directly to the library. This is a great way to help support the library.

